

## From the CIO



CIO of the  
Commonwealth  
Lem Stewart

I'm excited about the progress we have had toward making the IT Infrastructure Partnership with Northrop Grumman a reality. Northrop Grumman will begin to deliver infrastructure services on July 1, which is Service Commencement Date. You won't see immediate change, but over the next three years you will see our infrastructure transformed into a cohesive, efficient, up-to-date platform that will better meet agency needs and free precious resources to concentrate on your core missions. This change will require some rethinking of business operations for agencies, such as budgeting for IT and working together to implement enterprise solutions.

Your cooperation as we proceed will be greatly appreciated, and will help with transformation of state IT services to permit agencies to provide enhanced services to citizens.

## VITA/Northrop Grumman break ground

Governor Tim Kaine and representatives of Northrop Grumman, VITA and Chesterfield County broke ground May 23 for the new Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center (CESC) at Meadowville Technology Park in Chesterfield County. The facility is being constructed as part of the 10-year, \$2 billion IT Infrastructure Partnership between VITA and Northrop Grumman. It will house more than 600 VITA and Northrop Grumman employees when it opens late next year. A groundbreaking is being scheduled for the fall for the Southwest Virginia Solutions Center in Russell County, which will result in the creation of more than 400 jobs in Southwest Virginia.



## VITA employees accepting Northrop Grumman offers

To date, 358 VITA employees have accepted offers of employment with Northrop Grumman. That represents 42.4% of those who received offer letters. Another 28 employees, or 3.3%, have declined the offer and will remain state employees managed by Northrop Grumman. Most of these VITA employees who are in-scope to the IT Infrastructure Partnership are located in agencies.

## Information security plans three meetings

VITA will host three meetings of the Information Security Office Advisory Group over the next three months. The first meeting, which will be scheduled this month, will address the Information Security Template and Center for Internet Security Configuration Standards. In July, the Information Security Policy, Information Security Standard, and Information Security Auditing Standard will be discussed. In August, the topics will be Continuity Planning from an IT perspective. Each meeting also will include an update from VITA to group members on the IT security component of VITA's IT Infrastructure Partnership with Northrop Grumman. Invitations will be e-mailed in the near future to agency information security officers.

## Contracts for IT staff augmentation may be extended

Some agencies have determined they need to continue using some existing IT contract staff members who were placed before Supplier Managed Staff Augmentation (SMSA) was implemented. As a result, agencies will be permitted to extend purchase orders through August 2007 for those contracts. This applies to existing contract staff only. Agencies must request and the supplier must agree to extensions by July 31, 2006.

## Secor to lead CRM, Ward to lead Security and Audit

VITA has selected Debbie Secor to serve as Director of Customer Relationship Management. She has been serving in an acting role. She has state government experience and understands the IT needs of agencies. She came to VITA from the Department of Transportation, and most recently has served as a VITA Enterprise Business Director for Health and Human Resources and Transportation. Secor is committed to developing and maintaining productive relationships with agencies to ensure their business needs are met.



Peggy Ward has been named Chief Information Security and Internal Audit Officer. She also has been serving in an acting role. She is committed to working diligently to ensure the security of state government's IT. She has state government experience and knowledge of IT security and auditing. Ward came to VITA from the Department of General Services, and most recently served as Director of Internal Audit Services at VITA.

Both Secor and Ward will work closely with agencies.

## Reminders

**Billing** — Project management and security services billing established by JLARC takes effect June 1, 2006.

**MOUs** – VITA is continuing to consult with agencies on non-labor amendments to the VITA-agency memoranda of agreement.

**Due June 15** – Agencies must certify their IT strategic plan and major IT project list. After agency certification, State Code requires CIO approval of the plans.

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